

# Southern Flyer



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## Government enforcing reservists' reemployment rights

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Several government agencies are working together to aggressively defend the reemployment rights of reservists.

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, reserve and National Guard troops cannot lose their jobs or their benefits due to military service.

In other words, reservists and Guardsmen who are deployed are guaranteed their previous civilian jobs or similar jobs with the same level of benefits when they return. Employers who fail to comply are in violation of federal law and can be sued by the U.S. government.

U.S. Special Counsel Scott J. Bloch is charged with prosecuting federal agencies that fail to comply with the tenets of USERRA. Mr. Bloch visited the Pentagon July 8 to pledge his vigilance in these duties. He signed a statement of support for the Guard and reserves on behalf of federal employers.

Leaders of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs spoke at the ceremony.

Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall compared the overwhelming support for today's troops with his own days as a sailor dur-

ing the Vietnam era. Mr. Hall said that in 21 months in his current position, he has had the opportunity to speak to at least 120,000 people around the country and abroad.

"Everywhere I go, I find a different spirit than perhaps existed in my younger years in the Navy. ... Controversy rocked the country, and many of our young men and women who came back from Vietnam ... weren't welcomed," Mr. Hall said.

"But what is not lacking today," he continued, "is support from the rank and file, from the businesses and from the community."

ESGR's national director, Bob G. Hollingsworth, told those gathered, "America's employers have rallied around (the troops) in an incredible way." The employers realize "they are inextricably linked to the national defense of our nation," he said.

Mr. Hall explained in an interview that employers of reserve-component troops are vital to the future of the National Guard and reserves, and thus America's interests. "It's very key to young men and women having the confidence and their families having the confidence that when they go off to answer the call to colors, when they return they will have a job waiting for them," he said.

"Our commitment ... is the least that we can do to send a message to our wonderfully brave, talented and committed members of the military that we do support them and we do understand the sac-

rifices they're making," said Bloch, father of a 19-year-old Marine preparing for a second rotation in Iraq.

Mr. Bloch's organization, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, recently brought a suit against a federal agency with the Merit Systems Protection Board on behalf of a reserve military member. He didn't say which agency, but noted this is the first time a federal agency has been sued under the provisions of USERRA.

USERRA suits against civilian employers are brought by the Justice Department, but even those are rare. Mr. Bloch estimated roughly eight cases are referred to the Justice Department each year. Of those, perhaps five are litigated, he said.

With 1.2 million reservists in the U.S. military, that shows a very low percentage of cases aren't resolved at the lowest levels, he said.

Mr. Hall explained that ESGR has 4,200 volunteers who work to educate employers throughout the country. Points of contact are posted prominently in all Guard and reserve centers, and the names and numbers of state representatives are available on the organization's Web site.

In most cases, a phone call to an ESGR representative will solve a reserve-component service member's problem. The ESGR representative will meet with employers to explain the requirements mandated by USERRA.



Tech. Sgt. Matt Denton and fellow deployed Reservists deliver supplies donated for the Manas Chapel outreach effort by current and former 908AW members and affiliated



Courtesy photos

churches. Right, a Kryrgyzstani woman smiles warmly at the gift-bearing visitors. See story and more photos on Page 5.



# No end to fast pace, take care of business, families

The phrase, "the only constant is change," has been running through my mind a lot lately. However, there seems to be another constant in the 908<sup>th</sup>...the pace of operations and deployments.

Between our operations and maintenance people being deployed and the rest of the wing preparing for this month's ORE and the October IGX...our plate is FULL. The pace does not appear to slow anytime soon with the probability of our activation being extended for a second year, and entering our AEF rotation in December.

From all reports from the theater, our crews and maintainers have been going "above and beyond" and setting the standard for excellence in tactical airlift. I have received e-mails from both the deployed Operations and Maintenance Group Commanders who are supervising our folks stating how impressed they are with the professionalism and "can do" attitude. I have no doubt that they will continue to excel.

As the possibility of a second year of activation and deployments sinks in, I want to renew a commitment to



By Col. Heath J. Nuckolls  
908th Airlift Wing commander

care for the families of deployed members. To those deploying...please, please make sure your families have a "help" number or two. One of those numbers should be to your squadron and the other should be Family Support at 953-5478. If the squadron or Family Support are not available or cannot resolve the situation, they should call the command section at 953-9080. My staff and I will do all we can to provide answers or the help they need. To family members reading this...do not hesitate to call us for help. Most problems only get

worse with time. I'd rather help you early, and save you worry and grief than later when the situation is worse and harder to resolve.

For those involved in this month's ORE and the October IGX there will be special training this month **(See schedule on Page 3)**. We are getting down to the wire, with only three UTAs and a few days at Savannah to prepare for the IGX.

Making the final preparations and completing any remaining training requirements should be THE priority for the 200 or so of us preparing to impress the AMC/IG in October.

The word "impress" triggers another item I want to mention. We live on an active duty base that hosts a lot of senior officers and

other visitors. As Reservists we need to go the extra mile to live up to appearance standards. Even though we deploy all the time and are often more experienced than our active duty counterparts, there is a lingering idea that somehow we are less professional. Please make sure your appearance measures up at all times to help bury that old notion.

A final kudos to some often overlooked heroes. All these deployments require a lot of planning and support from LRS, Mission Support, ASTS, and the 25<sup>th</sup> APS. They are out here a lot on nights, weekends, running the processing lines, reviewing records, planning the flow of people and cargo. Thanks to all who've made these processes work so smoothly. Have a great UTA....

## Glint of the Eagle

By Senior Master Sgt. Don Campbell,  
357th Airlift Squadron

We've breathed the dust of Bagram, Kandahar, and Kabul  
Seen mud walled fields and houses, fort-like in the setting sun.  
Cloistered towns and cities, like a castle and garden of cards.  
Heard the Babel talk of dark natives, at the saber-sharp edge of survival  
Seen the white-hot hate in their eyes, smiles that hide all meaning  
Until you begin to doubt all that you see.  
Born to a land of desperation, orphaned in her high mountain valleys  
Nurtured by her stone-hard fields  
Taught doctrines of dominance and danger  
Blood feuds and foreigners detested  
Rendered angry and impotent to their end

So how do we stop this insanity  
For we can't throw our hands up and walk away  
The best laid plans, and the dreams, and the heroes  
In the end they are made for the times.

But look in the eyes of the heroes, the paintings, the tintypes and plates.  
Do you catch the glint of the eagle, and the honor that made our land great  
We, who now stand at the crossroads, what direction will we take.  
Throw down our arms in despair at the danger?  
Better...parry the thrust of aggression, absorb what can't be deflected,  
Rise and pursue with a vengeance.  
We've breathed the dust of Bagram, Kandahar, and Kabul  
Seen the hate in their eyes.  
Do you see the glint of the Eagle in ours!



Sergeant Campbell wrote this poem will deployed to Kyrgyzstan; he retires this month

## Why do you do what you do?

Have you ever asked someone to do something – and although it isn't verbalized an implied, "What is in this for me?" hangs in the air. We often do things only after we count the cost or benefit to us. We will help only when it's in our best interest. This interest may come in money, acknowledgements, medals, good reputation, or glory.

Many times though the best work we can do comes with no earthly rewards.

People may not even know we have done anything. In all instances we just need to do what is right, and not worry about what we get in return.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul writes, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

It is really hard to get any plainer than those words. "Nothing" is very encompassing – whatever we are called to do – wherever we find ourselves – work for someone else's best interest. As we do that we will find that we do get something in return – we get the blessings from God, and the knowledge that we have accomplished what He has placed us on this earth to accomplish.

May we continue to pray for all our friends and loved ones deployed all over the world. May God be with them.



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# What they can't get at home

***Communications personnel travel to Duke Field to get invaluable training***

By Master Sgt. Greg Black  
908th Communications Flight

The 908th Communications Flight recently traveled to Duke Field and teamed with the 719th Communications Flight to provide the Maxwell reservists with training they couldn't receive at home station.

The two units engaged in training ranging from structured wiring to various aspects of network security. Although the 719th hosted and provided the classroom settings, members from both organizations provided valuable input based on their individual experiences.

"These two units have an outstanding relationship," said Maj. Patrick Albrecht, 908th Comm Flt commander. "We began our association with the 719th several years ago (on another joint venture at Patrick Air Force Base) and plan to continue the relationship for years to come."

The visiting Maxwell AFB communicators completed numerous training tasks and received exposure to technical environments and equipment that are not readily accessible during routine unit training assemblies.

"As reservists, we take training seriously," said 908th Communications Flight training manager Tech. Sgt. Ken Carter. "This deployment provided us the opportunity to receive some hands-on training for each of our Air Force specialties."

The two-day trip resulted in the flight not only gaining much needed hands-on training, but also allowed individuals to interact with their counterparts in a Special Operations Command reserve unit. The flight collected several ideas on how to improve different programs at the 908th. These improvements will lead to the 908th Communications Flight becoming better prepared to meet its Reserve mission and provide a higher level of customer service.



Major Albrecht, center, watches as Tech. Sgt. Terry Calhoun demonstrates how to build a Category 5 Network Cable.

Photos by Master Sgt. Greg Black



719th Comm Flight personnel facilitate hands-on maintenance demonstrations with several 908th members.



# Deliveries bring out feelings of appreciation, admiration

Current and former members of the 908th and affiliated churches donated items for the Manas Chapel outreach effort. Boxes of toys, games, food, bolts of cloth, patterns and sewing supplies, and a large stock of vitamins nearly filled a pallet which departed for Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, July 8. These items will support a children's orphanage and cancer center and other charitable institutions.

Several of the Airmen who helped deliver the donated items described the mission as one of the most humbling and memorable of their lives.

"We went on a mission trip yesterday and passed out all the clothing and food we brought over. I can't begin to say how blessed we are. We were very humbled by the experience. I know that the Lord has a purpose for each of us but seeing the poverty and condition these folks live in will change your life.

"One thing I do know is that every place we went they fed us what they had. We ate bread (white or wheat) or something that looked like goat milk yogurt, apricot jelly, and drank chai (a local beverage similar to tea). You could tell that these people were feeding us with all they had and were so grateful," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Harper.

Capt. Travis Shults said they had a wonderful time and learned a great deal about the people of Kyrgyzstan's culture. One of the biggest cultural differences, he said, was the hospitality.

"They will put everything they have on the table for you to eat as their guest, even if they don't know where their next meal will come from. We ate bread with jam and had some hot tea everywhere we

went. When asked about their feelings about Americans, most said that they were raised to dislike or fear Americans, but they have learned that we are a friendly and loving people since we've been here."

The vitamins, powdered milk and all of the other goods were received with "overwhelming joy," the captain said.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Denton was also one of the lucky ones able to help dispensing the donations.

"We had such a wonderful time distributing the food, clothes and medicine. The experience was an eye opener and very humbling. The first house we went to had no running water and no electricity. The people were very excited about the clothes and food. One lady was thrilled to get some shorts; she said that she and her husband have only one pair of shorts that they share them at home. She now has her own pair of shorts to wear.

"If I have learned one thing is that we in America are very very blessed and we should never stop giving God the thanks and gratitude He deserves for blessing us. I think that the living conditions that I have been in living in a tent over here are better than those for most people that live in Kyrgyzstan," Denton said.

He agreed with Captain Shults that they probably served the visitors their best. He praised them liberally, commenting, "These people have dreams, desires and emotions just like we do. The people we visited make everything for themselves, if they have it they probably made it themselves. We had home made bread (yet there was no oven in the kitchen of the house; they use an outdoor oven), jelly, goat



Chief Harper, left, Captain Shults, ctr, and Sergeant Denton, kneeling, unload goods.

milk's yogurt, and tea. At the first house the lady did not have any sugar to sweeten the tea so she showed us how to use some jelly to sweeten it; it was very good. Well, I could go on and on but I will stop.

These people have captured my heart; may God bless them."

Denton added that they also visited an orphanage and did some painting. The kids, he said, were very warm and loved the attention. "The older boys went around and made sure that they shook everyone's hand. We took some clothes, shoes and toys to them on a second visit led by one of our friends from Youngstown, Jason Ehler."

Chief Harper said he was moved

by the response of "people that were told to hate us."

The Airmen heard time after time how touched and blessed the locals were to know them.

"They fed us at every house and the food they gave was their best! I was blessed to have been on that mission trip and it will forever be a special day. The people are very warm to us. All this will not make CNN Headline News but those of us that witnessed can share it one by one."

Chief Harper sent thanks to all that gave, adding "and that was from the Kyrgyzstani people." (Information and photos provided by Chief Master Sgt. Mike Harper)



Unloading more supplies



American visitors dine with Kyrgyzstani villagers.

Courtesy photos



# Airlifters haul off awards at deployed location

By Jeff Melvin  
908AW Public Affairs

In addition to dirty laundry and the usual trinkets and souvenirs, several wing airmen returned from their deployment from Kyrgyzstan with extra baggage – a slew of individual and group awards for operations and maintenance personnel.

Two maintainers, Senior Airmen Heather Kitchens and Spencer Roeder (see photos on Page 8) earned back-to-back Manas Air Base Airman of the Month Awards while deployed.

Not to be outdone, operations personnel picked up four awards: Staff Sgt. Adam Childers was named Operations Group NCO of the Month; Senior Master Sgt. Dan Campbell was OG SRNCO of the Month; Maj. Scott Hayes' crew was the OG Outstanding Team of the Month; and Capt. Jeremy Mickelson's crew was recognized for the Monthly Safety Award.

C-130 crew chief Airman Kitchens was the primary trainer for aircraft configurations while deployed. She trained a team of 13 specialists for quick turn reconfigurations, ensuring the deployed C-130s were configured quickly and correctly to meet every mission. She also spearheaded the modification of navigator seat protective armor on six C-130 aircraft, correcting a poor design that restricted the navigator's mobility on the flight deck. She salvaged 30 broken aircraft seats, returning 20 seats to serviceable condition, saving more than \$3,400. Her exemplary work earned her recognition as 376th Air Expeditionary Wing April 2004 Airman of the Month.

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***"I am only one of many people working on the flightline that deserve to be recognized."***

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-- Airman Kitchens

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"I have always been intrigued by aircraft in the military but only recently took the opportunity to understand how one works. The things I like most about my job are: Being trusted to work on high dollar airplanes and at the same time knowing that I can, the satisfaction of knowing that I helped get the planes out on time so they could complete their mission, the opportunity to travel and work in different types of environments and meet different types of people and learn about all their culture, and always having the opportunity to learn more and excel every day. I am proud of being selected for Airman of the Quarter but in reality I know that I am only one of many of

the people that work on the flightline that deserve to be recognized for their work," said Airman Kitchens commenting on her job and her recognition.

Turboprop mechanic Airman Roeder earned the 376AEW May Airman honors. While deployed to Manas Air Base in support of Operation Enduring Freedom he was chosen to be on a maintenance recovery team assigned the task of recovering a disabled C-130 at Kandahar Air Field. The team expertly replaced the No. 3 engine, under harsh conditions and in hostile territory in just 10 hrs! He also installed a fuel control on a spare engine, keeping the critically-needed asset on base rather than being dispatched to Europe for repair.

"I could not be more proud of the work he accomplished while deployed. He has focused on making the best of training opportunities. This focus coupled with his strong motivation make him an invaluable asset to the wing, at home station and in a contingency environment. This is well deserved recognition for his sustained efforts," said Maj. Cauley Von Hoffman, 908th Maintenance Squadron commander.

Major Von Hoffman said it should be noted that Manas is a base with over 1,200 active duty and Reserve personnel assigned, the majority of whom are Airmen.

"The competition for these awards is extremely tough, so back to back for the 908th is really something," the major said.

357th Airlift Squadron commander Lt. Col. John Stokes who witnessed the operations personnel's stellar work firsthand as commander of the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron spoke glowingly about the ops award winners.

He lauded OG NCO of the Month Sergeant Childers' "professional appearance, customs and courtesies, and dedication to duty beyond reproach." The C-130 flight engineer, he said, completed more than 200 combat hours and 35 sorties in theater without incident. "He (Sergeant Childers) provided outstanding professional guidance to his peers and was sought out by others for system knowledge," Colonel Stokes said.

Top SNCO honors went to another 908th flight engineer, Senior Master Sgt. Donald Campbell.

"A consummate professional! Relentlessly pursues perfection and cooperation by utilizing his numerous skills to ensure the fleet of six C-130 aircraft are pre-flighted and any open discrepancies are corrected immediately during normal and high ops tempo periods; selfless effort resulted in on time takeoffs for VIP airlift, priority aeromedical missions and forward deploying personnel," wrote Colonel Stokes in a letter nominating Sergeant Campbell.

He added that the flight engineer's job knowledge was "above and beyond what's written in the AFI's and T.O's. During several critical missions Senior Master Sgt. Campbell trouble shot and corrected aircraft system failures to include the auto pilot and pressurization system thus ensuring delivery of the beans and bullets."

Aircraft commander Maj. Scott Hayes; co-pilot 1st Lt. Gregory Mantz; mission navigators Maj. Mark Harrison, Donald Richey and Doran Gillie; flight engineer Staff Sgt. Adam Childers; and loadmasters Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Brown, Tech. Sgt. Matt Searcy and Senior Airman John Metcalf Jr. earned recognition for Outstanding Team of the Month.

Major Hayes' crew, Colonel Stokes said, "exemplified the 'One Team-One Fight' motto; their actions displayed the highest degree of bravery and patriotism."

He called them "Warriors -- tested and proven in combat; mission after mission in the AOR; Bagram, Kandahar, Kabul, Carlson

Among the crews' actions he cited were:

- ✓ Two missions into forward operating landing zone; supported forces hunting down Taliban

- ✓ Reconfigured aircraft to support US Ambassador request; completed in minimum time; hero brought home

- ✓ First non-AFSOC C-130 aircrew to accomplish high threat resupply mission into forward ops base Carlson LZ

- ✓ Extraordinary detail mission planning/coordination prior to mission ensured flawless execution into hostile LZ.

- ✓ Vital ammunition/combat warriors/special ops Delta Force/Navy SEALs/supplies delivered to front line base

- ✓ Collected mission essential digital data; tactics/intel updated data base to ensure safe C-130 flying operations

Crew members' reactions on being selected crew of the month were similar.

"To be a part of the team selected as team of the month means a lot as an aircrew member. Our job is to work as a team every time we fly, and to be rewarded as a team means we are all doing our job well!" said Sergeant Childers, dual award winner – NCO of the Month and Outstanding Team member.

"I'm honored to be part of such a great group of guys! We all work hard together to achieve our goals and do our part here. It's nice to know that it is all appreciated," said Sergeant Searcy.

The flight engineer and the loadmaster were also in agreement about the response they typically get on their missions.

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***"Taking people mail seems to be the most rewarding work that we do."***

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-- Sergeant Childers

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"The responses we normally get are very appreciative. Taking people mail seems to be the most rewarding work that we do. Some of these Army guys have been in the field for 6 to 8 months, and when they finally get there first news from home, you know that they are ecstatic," Childers said.

Mail delivery elicits the most positive responses, followed by when they bring in someone's replacement and a soldier is finally able to go home.

"The guys on the ground love to see us coming. They always hope to see mail when we open the doors. They appreciate all of the much needed supplies that we bring them. We also see a lot of smiles when we're pulling troops out of a small forward base. We enjoy taking supplies in and bringing the troops out as much as they do," Searcy added.

Rounding out the ops honors was the Safety Award to Captain Mickelson's crew.

"This crew has been submitted not only for their actions in flight but also their textbook ground egress with 50 combat equipped passengers. ... All passengers and crew were evacuated without incident or injury. The entire process was a remarkable feat considering the number of tightly packed passengers and potential for panic, which the loadmasters were able to prevent," wrote Colonel Stokes in a letter nominating the crew for the safety award.

The series of events may have sounded somewhat routine, the colonel said, and "that is precisely the reason for this nomination. There was immense potential for harm to personnel and damage to the aircraft had the crew not acted in accordance with their training and procedural knowledge. The crew's situational awareness and ability to think ahead prevented compounding problems as opposed to reacting to what came next."

Perhaps Sergeant Searcy speaks for the group when he said, "Nearly every time we touch down somewhere. Some one somewhere needs all of the supplies that we shuttle in. I have never experienced the level of appreciation that the troops down-range show us on a daily basis. We fly home with a sense of satisfaction that we helped some one that day. It may be one person or 200, but some one needed what we took to them, or they were ready to come home and we flew them out." (See pictures on Page 8)

August Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Aug. 6, 2004			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals (Bring Shot Record)	Bldg. 760/First Floor/Pharmacy Lobby
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles	Bldg. 711/Records Room
		Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	1000	Security Mgrs Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1100	Mask Fit Testing (as scheduled)	Bldg. 760/Second Floor
0900	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	ORM	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1130	1230	Top Three Association	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1500	Survival Recovery Center/Unit Control Centers	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 1
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1500	1600	Quarterly Exercise Evaluation Team Mtg	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Briefing Room
1500	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)	Bldg. 848/West Side
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training (initial)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom/Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25APS
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/Com Flt
1015	1100	EPR/OPR Monitors Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPM
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1530	UDM LOGMOD Training)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 109 (42nd LRF)
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1400	1500	Flying Safety	TBD
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600		
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
	1330-1400		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 122C
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

August UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- \* Input your unit's authorization code
- \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- \* **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the August UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

**Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.**

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1830 local

Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local

Depart Huntsville at 2100 local

Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local

Depart Huntsville at 1700 local

Arrive Aurora at 1900 local

Depart Aurora at 1915 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 & 05 Unit Training Assembly Dates

Sept. 11-12;

Oct. 2-3; Nov. 6-7; Dec. 4-5;

Jan. 8-9; Feb. 5-6; March 5-6;

April 2-3; May 14-15; June 4-5;

July 9-10; Aug. 6-7; Sept. 10-11



Take Note



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Above, Maj. Scott Hayes' (far right) crew on the ground at Bagram after completing the first non-AFSOC mission into a specific dirt strip along the border with Pakistan. Left, Senior Airman Spencer Roeder, 376AEW May 2004 Airman of the Month. Bottom left, Senior Airman Heather Kitchens, 376AEW April 2004 Airman of the Month. See story on Page 6.

Congratulations to the following people:

- Promotions**  
....to Chief Master Sgt.  
**Donald Smith, MXG**  
....to Master Sgt.  
**Willie Carter Jr., SVF**  
**Lamar Colbert, 908AW**  
**Cyrus Jones, CES**  
**Mark Lanton, ASTS**  
**Woodrow Washington III, CES**  
....to Tech. Sgt.  
**Mitchell Johnson, MXS**  
**Jo Kaestner, MSS**  
**Ronald King, MXS**  
....to Staff Sgt.  
**Rickey Allen Jr., MXS**  
**Cassandra Crayton, 25APS**  
**Teqwenda Richey, LRS**  
**Aubrey Walters, AMXS**  
....to Senior Airman  
**Matthew Carle, MXS**  
**Melinda Ford, AES**  
**Heath Garrison, AMXS**  
**Frank Johnson, CES**  
**Jeremy Johnson, ASTS**
- Shelley Lunsford, ASTS**  
**Richard Nelson Jr., MXS**  
**Ali Oliviere, MXS**  
**Jerod Peak, LRS**  
**Darren Sankey, CES**  
**Crystal Turner, ASTS**  
**Jessica Walters, ASTS**  
**Marc Whittlesay, ASTS**  
....to Airman 1st Class  
**Jummy Abdul, ASTS**  
**Harvey Crayton, LRS**  
**Kenneth Fontenot, LRS**  
**Rhonda Hannah, ASTS**  
**Quanita Knight, ASTS**  
**Jessica Knizel, ASTS**  
**Bettie Mercer, ASTS**  
**Benjamin Parnell, 25APS**  
**Bryant Pritchett, AMXS**  
....to Airman  
**Miranda Boswell, ASTS**  
**Andrea Parsons, ASTS**
- Retirements**  
**Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Hocutt, MXS**  
**Senior Master Sgt. Donald Campbell, 357AS**  
**Master Sgt. Lewis Chapelle Jr., CES**  
**Master Sgt. Albert Black, CES**



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Fit as a fiddle

Master Sgt. Paul Bonds takes a lap around the track during a mid-day workout. Sergeant Bonds, 49, posted a perfect 100 score during his fitness test.

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